

Page 47, line 1a, after "from" and insert --the--; after, "Products," insert --a--;

line 19, after "or" insert --a--; and

line 23, after "in" insert --a--.

Page 49, line 23, after "purchases" insert --;

Page 50, line 8, delete "request" and insert therefor --requests--; and

line 12, delete "Subsequent" and insert therefor --A subsequent--.

Page 51, line 2, after "into" insert --the--;

line 15, delete "of"; and

line 16, after "requests" insert therefor --,--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In line 3, delete "and"; and

line 12, after "orders" insert --,--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claim as indicated:

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A method for creating an electronic catalog comprising the steps of:

requesting a vendor quotation[s];

creating a blanket vendor order[s];

entering the blanket vendor order[s] in a data base;

creating a pre-approved budget[s];

creating a purchase request[s];

requesting an item[s] from the blanket vendor order data base using the purchase

request;

communicating said order[s] from the vendor order data base to a vendor;

receiving acknowledgment of the communicated order [requests];

receiving the ordered item[s]; and

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recording receipt of said item[s].

Please add the following new claims:

--10. A system for processing customer orders, comprising:

means for purchasing an item;
means for creating a graphical user interface for a customer service representative to
input an order;
means for tendering a load to a carrier for shipment;
means for creating an automated warehousing ticket; and
means for creating an electronic catalog.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for purchasing an item further
comprises:

means for creating a blanket vendor order;
means for providing user input to generate a requisition request to requisition the item;
means for processing the requisition request by comparing said requisition request to
the blanket vendor order to determine availability of the item;
means for checking the availability of funds against a budget to approve a purchase
transaction;
means for communicating a purchase request and a purchase release to a vendor; and
means for acknowledging the purchase request.

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-12. The system of claim 11, wherein the means for purchasing an item further
comprises:

means for receiving the item;
means for creating a record of the receipt;
means for creating an accounts payable record initiated by said record of receipt; and
means for placing the item in an inventory.

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13. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating a graphical user interface for a customer service representative, further comprises:

means for creating screens in a window context with multiple files, said screens having buttons to control access to files, wherein said buttons are used to access customer records.

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14. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for tendering a load to a carrier for shipment further comprises:

means for creating a carrier data base containing information to determine shipping costs and delivery schedules;

means for tendering an offer of shipment to a selected carrier; and

means for receiving confirmation from the carrier.

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15. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating an automated warehousing ticket further comprises:

means for generating pick-order data for an item;

means for picking the item from an inventory;

means for creating a record of the picked item;

means for transmitting said pick-order data to a central data base in real time;

means for delivering the picked item to a shipping point;

means for transmitting data representing delivery of the item for shipment to said data base; and

means for consolidating said pick-order and shipment data into a record in said data base.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating an electronic catalog further comprises:

means for requesting a vendor quotation;

means for creating a blanket vendor order;

means for entering said blanket vendor order into a blanket order data base;

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means for creating a pre-approved budget;
means for creating a purchase request;
means for requesting an item from the blanket vendor order data base;
means for communicating said blanket order to a vendor;
means for receiving acknowledgment of a blanket order request;
means for receiving said ordered item; and
means for recording receipt of said item.

09 17. A method for processing customer orders in a computer-based data processing system having a plurality of data processing devices electrically connected to communicate with each other, comprising:

receiving a customer order from a customer order input terminal;
processing the customer order using an interface module accessed through the customer order input terminal, said interface module coordinating access to a plurality of database modules and controlling interaction between a user and said plurality of database modules;
generating the customer order in response to data inputs from the user through said customer order input terminal and data from said plurality of database modules;
automatically checking an inventory for availability of an item corresponding to the customer order in response to the customer order by accessing an inventory data base;
retrieving the item from the inventory by accessing an inventory storage location data base;
building a load for shipment from the retrieved item; and
scheduling delivery of the load to the customer.

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18. A method for processing a customer order using a networked computer-based data processing system, comprising:
receiving a customer order from a customer order input terminal;
processing the received customer order to generate a customer order in response to data inputs from a user;